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REMARKS-General

1. Applicant acknowledges the allowability of claims 2-4, 6-16, and 18-20. The amended independent claim 2 incorporates all structural limitations of the original claim 1 and includes further limitations previously brought forth in the original allowable claim 2, including any intervening claims. The newly drafted independent claim 21 incorporates all structural limitations of the original claim 1 and includes further limitations previously brought forth in the original allowable claim 8, including any intervening claims. No new matter has been included. All claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-16, and 18-21 are submitted to be of sufficient clarity and detail to enable a person of average skill in the art to make and use the instant invention, so as to be pursuant to 35 USC 112.

Response to Rejection of Claims 1, 5, and 17 under 35USC103

2. The rejected claims 1, 5, and 17 are deleted in this application.

The Cited but Non-Applied References

- 3. The cited but not relied upon references have been studied and are greatly appreciated, but are deemed to be less relevant than the relied upon references.
- 4. In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are requested. Allowance of claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-16, and 18-21 at an early date is solicited.

5. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed in order to place the application in condition for allowance, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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